

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Chaney-Bowers House & Breathedsville

Boonsboro Vicinity

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WA-II-019
District 12
Map 52
Parcel 140
MAGI # 2207145604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Chaney-Bowers House & Breathedsville

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Breathedsville, Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Boonsboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERICAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Gorman F. Bowers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21713

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 419

Folio #: 277

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located at the settlement of Breathedsville where the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad cross Maryland Route 68, south of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is a one and a half story, painted brick building resting on low concrete sheathed foundations. A gable roofed wall dormer is centered at the front elevation. The roof is sheathed with old wooden shingles.

The front of the house appears to be arranged symmetrically with six over six windows having narrow transoms. The main entrance is centered in the front elevation. The door is treated simply and does not include a transom. A one story porch with a low hipped roof shelters the three central bays. Another porch and a one story shed roofed frame addition are attached to the rear elevation. Double brick chimneys with corbeling at their tops are located inside the end walls.

The house appears to be in excellent condition.

The village of Breathedsville where this house is located developed along the B & O Railroad tracks and is centered around a grain and feed mill. A few late 19th or early 20th century houses are located nearby. The oldest structure in the group would appear to be the house discussed above. Apparently all of this land at one time belonged to the Chaney family.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chaney-Bowers house and Breathedsville together are an example of a rural settlement dating from the second half of the 19th century which developed at the intersection of the B & O Railroad and the Williamsport-Boonsboro Road, Maryland Route 68. Many feed mills like this one seen here were built along the county's railroad's. The apparently oldest house in the group is the Chaney-Bowers house which probably dates from the third quarter of the 19th century. Presumably it was built by Dr. Joseph Penn Chaney, whose family owned a large amount of land in this area since the 18th century. According to Williams' History of Washington Co, Dr. Chaney returned to his home farm about 1851 after practicing in nearby Funkstown for two years. An 1859 map of Washington County does not depict a dwelling at this location. Architecturally the house reflects period building traditions.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 21.85 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

January 1978

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

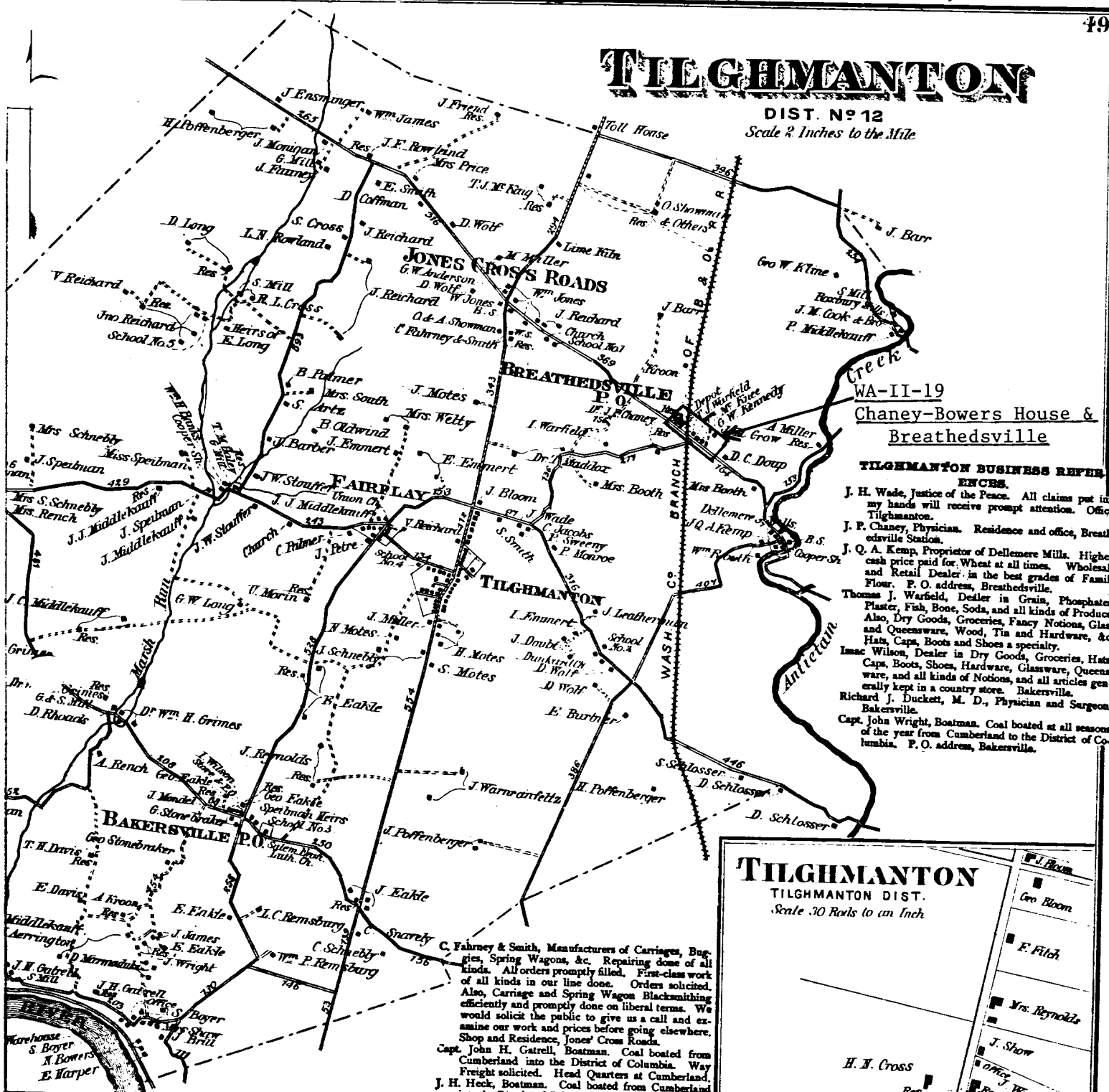
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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DIST. N° 12

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



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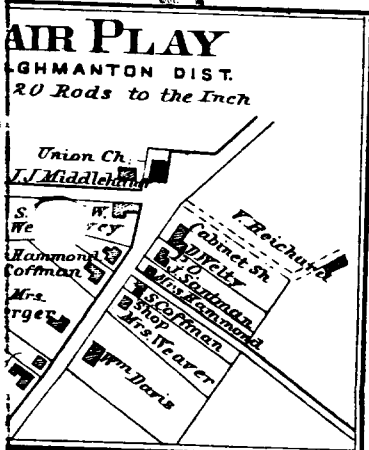
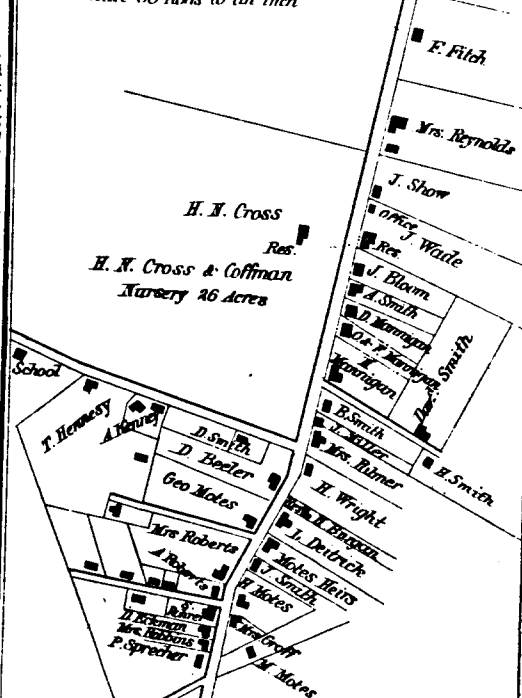
TILGHMANTON BUSINESS REFERENCE

- J. H. Wade, Justice of the Peace.** All claims put into my hands will receive prompt attention. Office, Tilghmanton.
- J. P. Chaney, Physician.** Residence and office, Breathedsville Station.
- J. Q. A. Kemp, Proprietor of Dellemere Mills.** Highest cash price paid for wheat at all times. Wholesale and Retail Dealer in the best grades of Family Flour. P. O. address, Breathedsville.
- Thomas J. Warfield, Dealer in Grain, Phosphates, Plaster, Fish, Bone, Soda, and all kinds of Produce.** Also, Dry Goods, Groceries, Fancy Notions, Glass and Queensware, Wood, Tin and Hardware, &c. Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes a specialty.
- Isaac Wilson, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Glassware, Queensware, and all kinds of Notions, and all articles generally kept in a country store.** Bakersville.
- Richard J. Duckett, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.** Bakersville.
- Capt. John Wright, Boatman.** Coal boated at all seasons of the year from Cumberland to the District of Columbia. P. O. address, Bakersville.

TILGHMANTON

TILGHMANTON DIST.

Scale 30 Rods to an Inch



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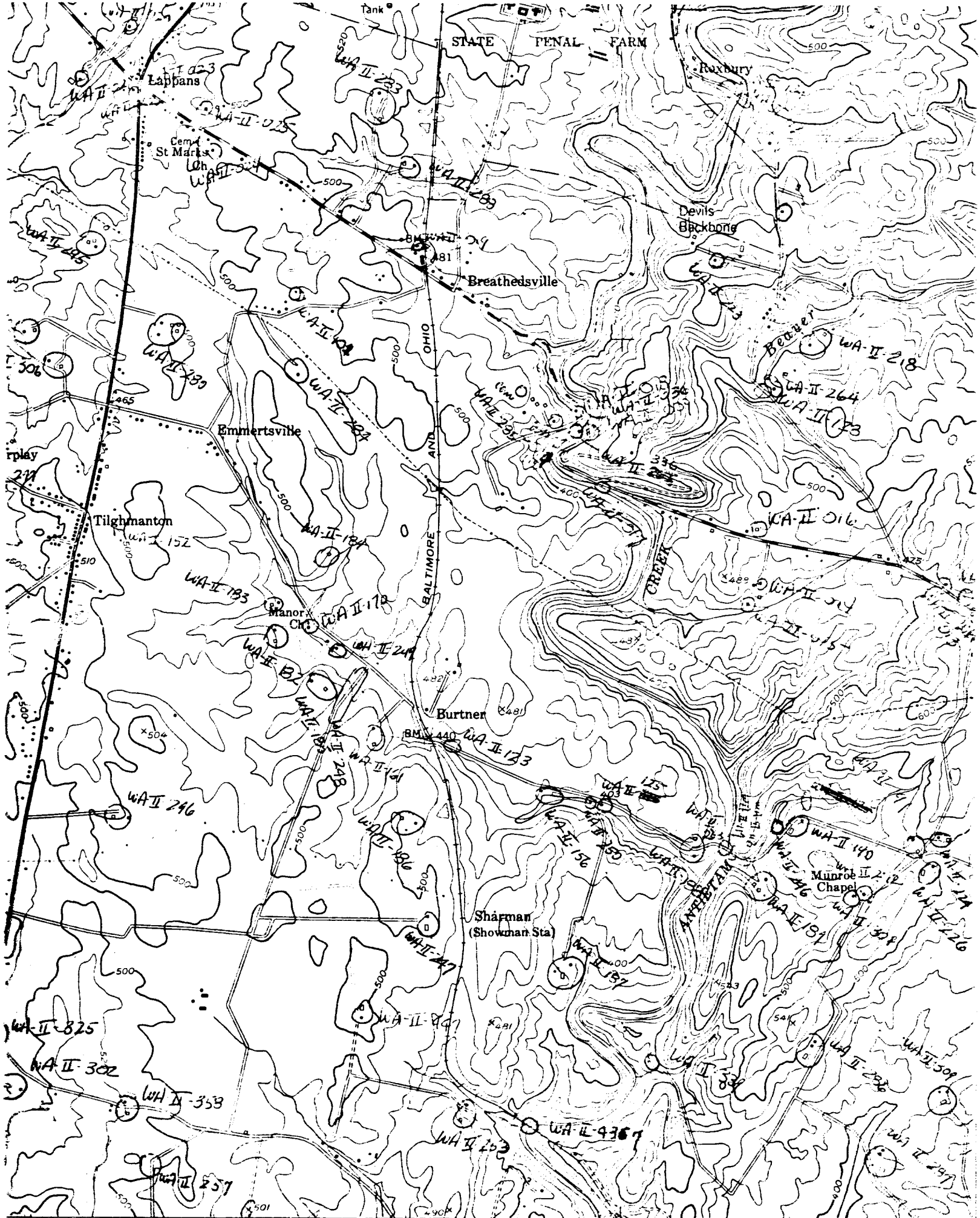
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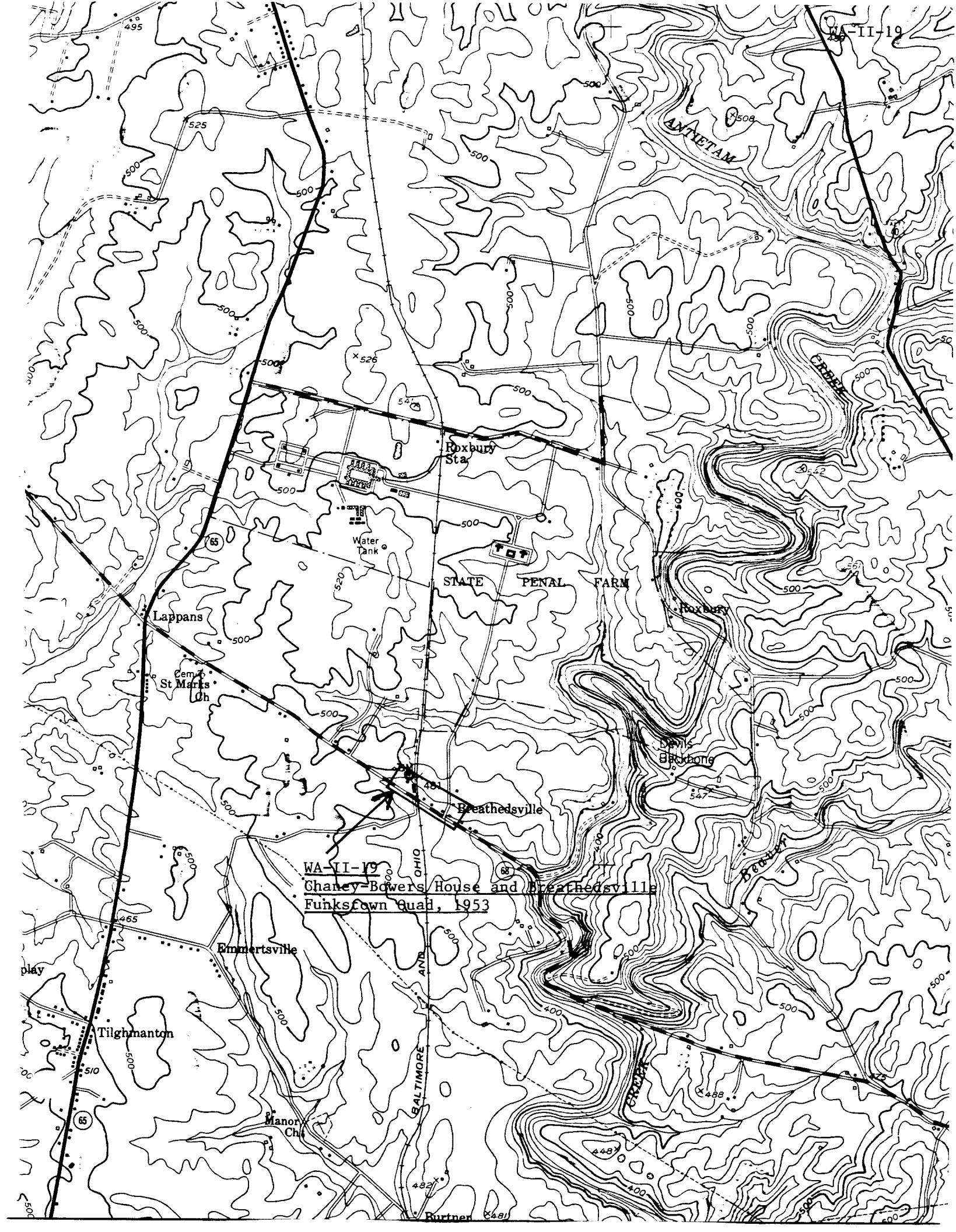
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Funkstown Quad, 1953



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